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PSC Told AP&L Rates a \$4.1 Million Increase

LITTLE ROCK (AP) — Two utility experts who conducted separate studies have agreed that Arkansas Power & Light Co. needs an additional \$4,172,728 per year to raise its earnings to an approved level of six per cent.

The consultants, one hired by the state Public Service Commission and the other by AP&L, reported their findings to the commission yesterday.

James M. Hanner of Frankfort, Ky., conducted a study for the PSC and Jerry Flanders of Jefferson City, Mo., carried out a study for the power firm.

Chairman Lewis M. Robinson of the PSC said the commission will hold a hearing May 10 on the reports. R. E. Ritchie, AP&L's president, said he would have no comment on the findings until the hearing.

Deficiencies in revenue were blamed partly on home consumers, and partly on special contracts between AP&L and other companies.

But the report of a gap between AP&L earnings and the six per cent return does not necessarily mean that the PSC could or would grant the power company a rate increase that would cover the entire difference.

The PSC ordered studies by consultants in March 1956 when it dismissed AP&L's bid for a \$5,200,000 rate hike. The commission said at the time that AP&L failed to supply a breakdown on costs of serving various customers so the PSC could decide which rates were appropriate.

According to Honaker, domestic customers were responsible for only \$709,179 of the total deficiency but Flanders attributed \$1,032,600 to residential users.

Honaker charged only \$1,507,147 to commercial and industrial consumers while Flanders listed \$1,554,254.

Both Honaker and Flanders agreed that AP&L does not get enough return from special contracts with Reynolds Metals Co., other utility firms, rural electric co-ops and municipal services. But they differed in estimates of deficiencies in these categories.

Honaker figured Reynolds for \$224,595 but Flanders listed only \$26,205. He Kentuckian charged Arkansas-Missouri Power Co. with \$109,133 but Flanders put down only \$31,105.

These variances were due to the consultants' allocating different service costs to the classes of customers and contracts.

AP&L has defended its Reynolds contract but has admitted losing money on the co-op contracts.

Ritchie said yesterday that AP&L considers both the Reynolds and co-op contracts as legal and binding.

In previous dealings with the power company, the PSC has used a rate base which included money invested by the company. However, the two utility experts employed a rate base which is about eight million dollars higher.

Honaker's study said that on a rate base of 214,975,447, AP&L was earning 5.11 per cent.

The \$4,180,728 deficit was figured to include taxes which would have to be paid on additional income. Before taxes the figure would be \$1,906,412.

The PSC has turned down two bids for a rate hike by the power company in the last three years. After AP&L lost its fight for the \$5,200,000 increase, it had to refund about nine million dollars collected under bond over a 2-year period.

MAILMEN TO MEET

FORT SMITH (UPI) — The Arkansas Letter Carriers Association and its auxiliary will hold their annual convention here Friday and Saturday.

Claud Martin, Jr., of Fort Smith is president of the letter carriers and Mrs. Frank King of Texarkana is president of the auxiliary.

Sailors Narrowly Escape Death

MENA (UPI) — Two sailors returning to their San Francisco naval base narrowly escaped death yesterday when their car plunged off US Highway 270 west of here. Thomas E. Ames, Jr., of Piney View, W. Va., and Wade Westfall of Marion, N. C., hit a large rock on the highway and their car swerved off a 30-foot cliff.

The car landed on the Kansas City Southern Railroad tracks below. The men got out of their car just before a southbound train hit it.

Ames and Westfall are awaiting repairs to the car before proceeding to the West Coast. Neither was seriously injured.

Writing a Book Keeps You From Being 'Dead'

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP) — "It must be terrible to be dead in any way," said the lady author, "but it must be worst of all to be dead in the head."

The author, Mrs. Metalious, who became a literary sensation by lifting the lid on a New England village now feels it's time to lift the lid of a modest little town on the California coast.

It's a place called Hollywood.

Mrs. Metalious recently made a trip there to wrap up details of the filming of her best-selling novel, "Peyton Place."

"There is only one word to describe Hollywood—dead," she observed. "I have never seen so much fear in so many people so much of the time—the fear of losing their jobs."

"I don't see how they can work

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Checkers is a silly child's game that other people can beat you at.

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Hal Boyle

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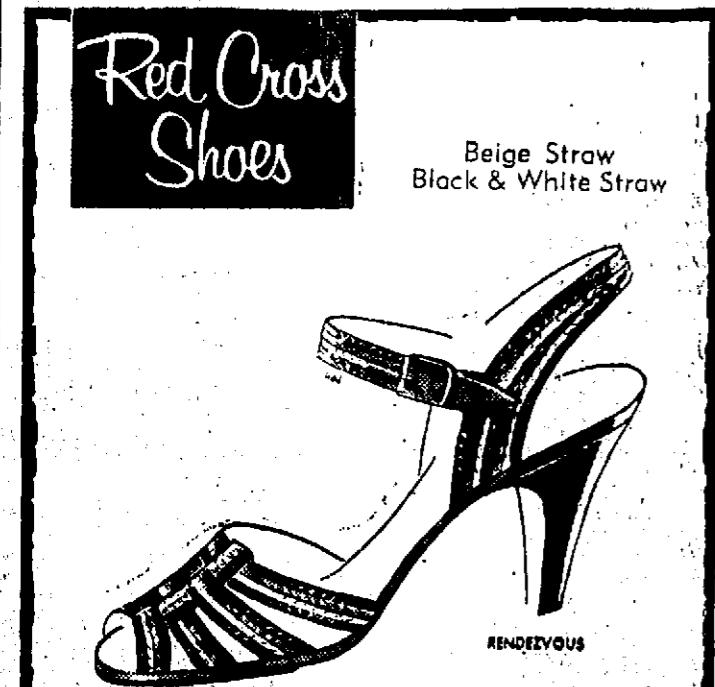
where opinion about her is still divided. She says "the ax-mouths"—her term for gossips—"still don't approve of me."

Mrs. Metalious, who retained custody of her three children, said the publication of her book had nothing to do with the breakup of her marriage, and her husband has said the same thing—that it was "a personal matter."

She has bought two second-hand cars since ruined her life. Not Cardinals and a 100-year-old Cape at all. God house in Gilman, N. H. "I've got the most wonderful which is still her home town and house in the world, the most won-

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If you're an average driver, you wouldn't have had a chance in this year's Mobilgas Economy Run. It takes seasoned professionals to win in this kind of competition.

Every car of every make entered in the 1957 Mobilgas Economy Run was a new 1957 stock model. Every car was carefully tuned for the Run and the cars were placed by real experts in this exacting kind of driving. Naturally, the mileage they got is higher than the figure you can expect.

The way this race—and all previous Mobilgas Economy Runs—was judged is another area that should interest you:

Cars of different weights and engine displacements cannot compete on an equal basis. Such a competition would produce misleading miles-per-gallon figures. If miles-per-gallon were the only consideration, a motor bike could run away with first place. Obviously, other factors must be considered.

In order to give all cars a fair chance, the engineers used ton-miles-per-gallon as their yardstick—and as a basis for the official Mobilgas Economy Run prizes. This establishes a definite relationship between gasoline consumed, distance traveled, and weight carried. It is the only measure of gasoline economy that has any real significance to the engineers—or to you as an average motorist.

Now look at the results of the Run with the above thoughts in mind: Plymouth swept its field—First Place winner in "Class A," the division that included all the well-known low-price cars. As certified by the United

UA to Hand Out Honorary Degrees

FAVETTEVILLE (UP) — President John T. Caldwell of the University of Arkansas today announced the school would confer honorary doctor of laws degrees on five persons at the spring commencement June 1.

The degrees will go to Gov. Orval E. Faubus, Miss Alma Futrell of Marietta, Rep. Wilber D. Mills of Kenton, James H. Penick of Little Rock and Dr. Paul Bigelow Sears of Yale University.

Caldwell said Faubus was selected for the honor because of his promotion of educational improvements throughout the state and his interest in industrialization of Arkansas.

Miss Futrell, superintendent of schools in Lee County for more than 35 years, is a daughter of Thomas Andrew Futrell, an early educator in Arkansas and a sister of the late Dr. John Clinton Futrell, president of the University of Arkansas from 1913 to 1938.

Mills is second ranking member of the House Ways and Means Committee and a tax authority.

Penick, a Missouri native, is president of a Little Rock bank and trust firm.

Dr. Sears is a professor of botany and chairman of the conservation program at Yale.

L. R. Doctor Dies in Pennsylvania

LITTLE ROCK (UP) — The body of Dr. Oliver C. Nelson, 85, prominent Little Rock physician who died of a heart attack at Pittsburgh, Pa., yesterday, was to be returned to Little Rock today.

The famed diagnostician and national leader in the field of internal medicine suffered another heart attack at a medical convention in Boston two weeks ago. He went to Pittsburgh to convalesce with relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Barnett. Mrs. Nelson was with him when he died.

Recently, Nelson was elected chief of staff at Little Rock's St. Vincent Infirmary and also was an attending physician at Arkansas Baptist Hospital.

A native of Ohio, he practiced medicine at Little Rock more than 30 years and was associated with the teaching staff at the University of Arkansas School of Medicine. His specialty was heart disease.

Other survivors include a son.

Rev. Hunter Lions Club Speaker

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Mrs. Metalious, a bluntly honest woman with a hatred for hypocrisy, is now engaged in writing her second novel— "The Tight White Collar."

"Its theme is man's inhumanity to man," she said, adding: "In a

small town."

Prescott News

East Prescott HD Club Meets

The East Prescott Home Demonstration Club met on Thursday afternoon in the home of Mrs. J. L. McWilliams for the April meeting with ten members and Mrs. Ann Kilman, County Home Demonstration Agent, present. The meeting marked the first birthday of the club.

Mrs. Hesterly Ward, president, called the meeting to order. The devotional was given by Mrs. McWilliams. During the business session Mrs. Marvin Wicker, secretary, read the minutes and called the toll that was answered with "What I Like Best About the New Spring Fashions."

Mrs. Mack Roberts, program leader for the month, spoke on "Knowing the New Fabrics."

The door prize was won by Mrs. Roberts. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

Pine Garden Club Honors New Members

On Thursday the Southern Pine Garden Club honored their new members, Mrs. Ned Duncan, Mrs. Jess Hays, Mrs. Bill Gordon, Mrs. Jim Morris, Mrs. Phillip Reginelli and Mrs. Karl King Jr., with a buffet luncheon in the home of Mrs. H. H. McKenzie.

The serving table was covered with a white linen cutwork cloth and held a central arrangement of pink stock, blue Dutch iris and narcissus in a silver bowl. A matching arrangement in a silver pitcher graced the buffet. A similar arrangement was placed on the table in the entrance hall.

Following the luncheon a business session was conducted by the president, Mrs. D. L. Moseley.

Mrs. Tom Bemis, program chairman, gave an informative talk on "Growing Flowers for Cutting and Arranging."

Flower arrangements were brought by the members and judged by Mrs. D. L. McRae Jr. and Mrs. Frank Turberville, won first place for their mass arrangement. Second place was won by Mrs. N. R. Nelson and Mrs. Bill Gordon. Mrs. Phillip Reginelli won first place in the miniature group. There were seventeen present.

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TV Chance to Give Good Coverage

By CHARLES MORRER

NEW YORK (UP) — Newspapers frequently broadcast television for failure to give extensive coverage to important news. Here at last is an opportunity to praise a work of fine initiative in TV reporting which should serve as a model to stations and viewers throughout the country.

The biggest news in Scranton, Pa., of this past fortnight has been the Senate Rackets Committee hearings on union violence. Thanks to the efforts of station WDAU-TV, an affiliate of CBS, Scranton television viewers should be thoroughly informed on the hearings.

On April 16, 17 and 18 station WDAU-TV presented 14,500 feet of sound film of the Washington hearings during eight hours of preempted commercial program time. In other words, the station felt it was more important that its viewers be well informed on a vital local matter than that the station should harvest the financial returns of that time for advertisers.

Just as long as the Senate Committee focuses on Scranton, WDAU-TV will continue to perform the same complete coverage, says station General Manager Vance Eckersley.

It was a big project for a single television station, though it did have the hearty cooperation of the CBS news department in Washington. Here is how it worked under the direction of the station's news director Tom Powell, with the cooperation of network Washington news chief:

A 4-man WDAU-TV camera crew old a running sound film of the hearings in the Senate Office Building caucus room. The job of processing and editing the film was divided between laboratory facilities in Washington and the station laboratory in Scranton.

A WDAU courier was kept busy hurrying the rolls of film to the airport where each of the five regular daily flights from Washington to Scranton were utilized to speed the reels to their destination. At Scranton airport another courier rushed the film to the newsroom.

To handle the extensive footage two special daily shows were arranged—both in commercial time. The first was at 8:30 p.m. in the evening when there was a half-hour program of the day's highlights. At 11:30 p.m., commercial time of two hours were pre-empted to run the entire day's hearings. Throughout the day there were special bulletins and regular news telecasts.

Powell, in charge of the operation in Washington, capped the over-all coverage with an exclusive interview with Sen. John McClellan, committee chairman.

As far as can be learned from network sources, this is the most complete television coverage of a national news story ever achieved by a local station. WDAU-TV was aided, of course, in having reasonably convenient air transportation from the news source.

Here's an example for other stations if such an opportunity should present itself. WDAU-TV spokesmen say they feel rewarded for their efforts by the realization they have performed a public service. WDAU-TV viewers say they feel rewarded in the knowledge that they have a station which is on its toes and trying to meet the interests of its public.

No contention that property generally is assessed at 20 per cent was made by the appellees' lawyers. They simply attack the validity of the ratio study, which the Polaski Circuit Court held inadmissible when on the Frisco's appeal from the PSC. The Court sustained the assessment of \$6,977,500 except in minor particulars. The railroad appealed to the Supreme Court.

Data accumulated from official records of real estate sales and of assessed valuations of the tracks involved should be disregarded, the appellees contend, terming the complications "hearsay." The lawyers added that, even if the ratio study were inherently admissible, the Frisco had failed to authenticate it properly.

PSC officials have estimated that \$200,000 in property taxes is riding on the appeal. What makes it most important however is the fact that all other major railroads protested 1955 assessments and are awaiting the outcome of the Frisco case before making another move.

The appellees' brief dealt frankly with the question of the formula by which it determined the market value of the Frisco. It took into consideration investment, earnings and reproduction, cost less depreciation, assigned 10.33 per cent of system value to Arkansas and set up a tax valuation of 20 per cent of the Arkansas value.

Discussing the "stock and debt value," the PSC brief stated: "The stock and debt value is determined by the prices of securities as quoted on a stock exchange. These prices are controlled by the manipulations of traders and the management policies of the com-

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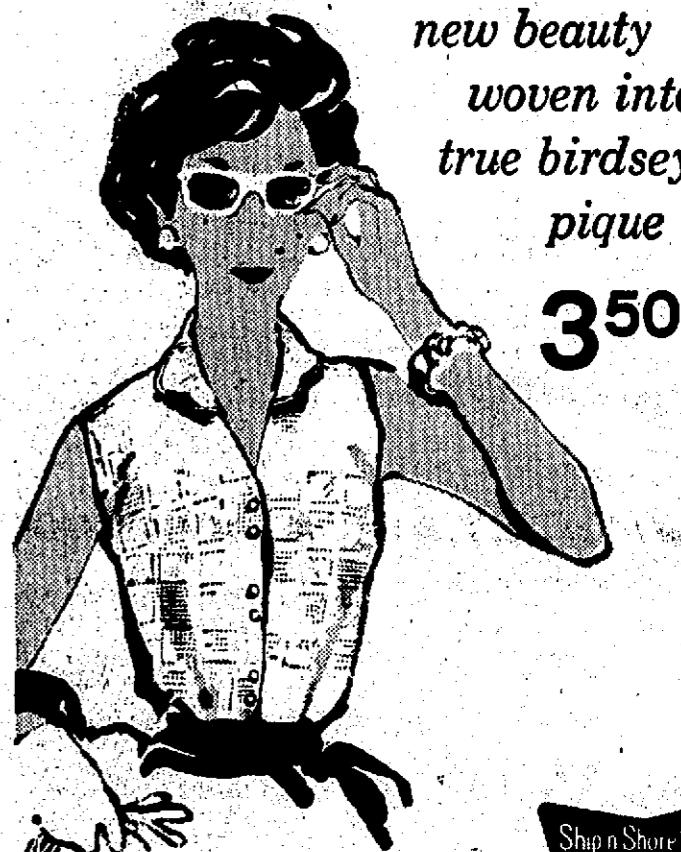
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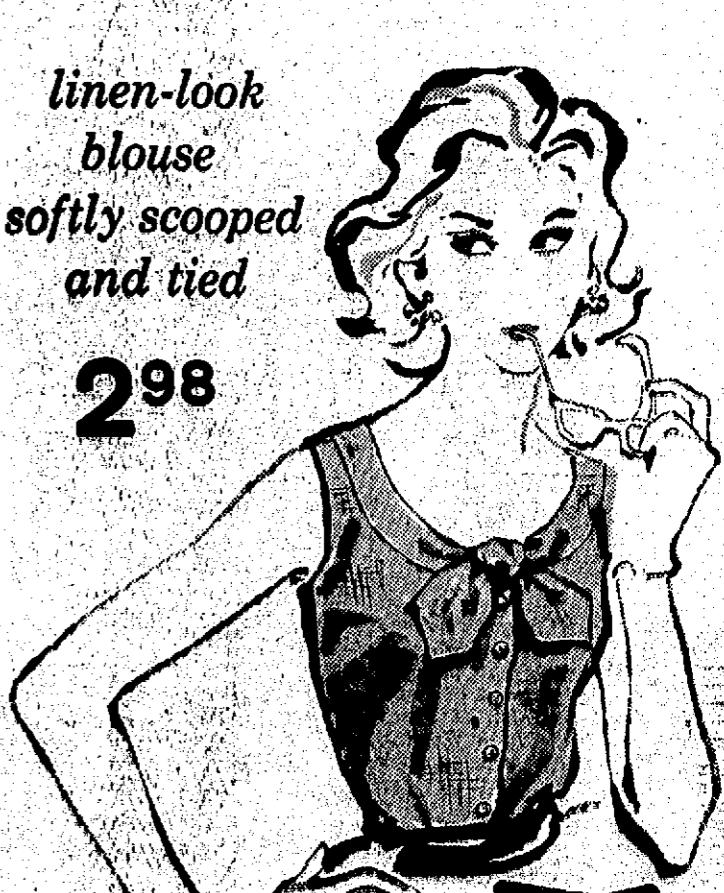
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State Automobile Club, Plymouth's official ton-miles-per-gallon led the entire "Class A" field.

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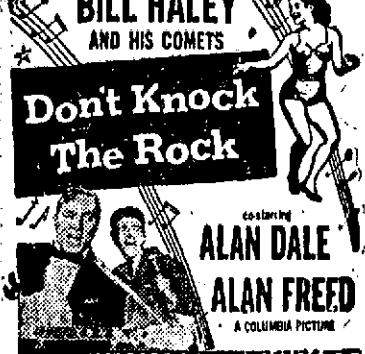
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Wednesday May 1

The Rural Civic Improvement Group of DeAnn will meet Wednesday night at 8 o'clock in the Community Building.

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Thursday May 2
Hope Chapter 328 Order of the Eastern Star meet Thursday May 2 at 8 p. m. at the Masonic Hall.

Pat Cleburne Chapter of the U. D. C. will meet Thursday May 2 at 2:30 p. m. in the home of Mrs. J. W. Branch with Mrs. Mary Duncan as co-hostess. Each member is requested to wear or bring some fashion or fad of the confederacy.

Thursday May 2

The Hopewell Home Demonstration club will meet Thursday May 2 in the home of Mrs. E. W. Graham.

The Hope Ground Observer Corps, Red Cross Course class will meet Thursday night at 7:30 in the Mayor's office. All members are urged to be present.

Friday May 3
The Hope Council of Church Women will have its annual May Fellowship potluck luncheon Friday May 3 at the First Methodist Church at 12:30. The theme "Free School in a Free World" will be in the form of a panel discussion. All church women are urged to attend, and a baby sitter will be provided for small children.

The Builders Sunday School Class of Garrett Memorial Baptist Church will have a pot luck supper at the fair park Friday night at 7:30. All members are urged to come and bring a covered dish. In the event of rain, the supper will be in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie McCorkle.

Sunday May 5
The Macedonia Methodist Church located 4 miles N. E. of Blevins will hold its annual Homecoming May 5, and will be celebrating its 100th anniversary. Rev. Bruce Egan will bring the message at 11 a. m. and lunch will be served and singing in the afternoon.

Monday May 6
Circle 1 WSCS of the First Methodist Church will meet Monday May 6 at 1 p. m. for a pot luck luncheon in the home of Mrs. Egan.

The Hope Duplicate Bridge Club will meet Monday evening at 7:30 in the private dining room of the Diamond Cafe and Cafeteria and the succeeding Monday night until further notice.

The Alpha Delta Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma will meet at 4 p. m. Monday May 6 in the home of Mrs. Florence Hyatt, Associate hostesses, Mrs. Anna Mae Williams and Miss Gwendolyn Dean.

Notice

The Baker Home Demonstration Club will entertain with a Mother and Daughter party in the home of Mrs. Gus Foster, 616 West Division on Thursday evening at 7:30, in observance of National Club week and Mother's Day.

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By JACK BELL

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower's effort to restore most of the 47 million dollars chopped by the House out of the State Department's budget won the support today of Sen. Mansfield (D-Mont.).

Mansfield, assistant Democratic leader, said he will back an effort

to give the State Department the full 227 million dollars Eisenhower originally requested.

The administration appeared to be bucking a fresh congressional economy upsurge that found Republican leaders joining Democratic colleagues in demands for deep cuts in Eisenhower's \$71,809,000,000 spending budget.

Sen. Dirksen of Illinois, assistant Republican leader, backed up the call yesterday by Sen. Knowland of California, GOP floor chief, for "substantial" spending reductions.

Knowland and Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas, Democratic leader, said he will back an effort

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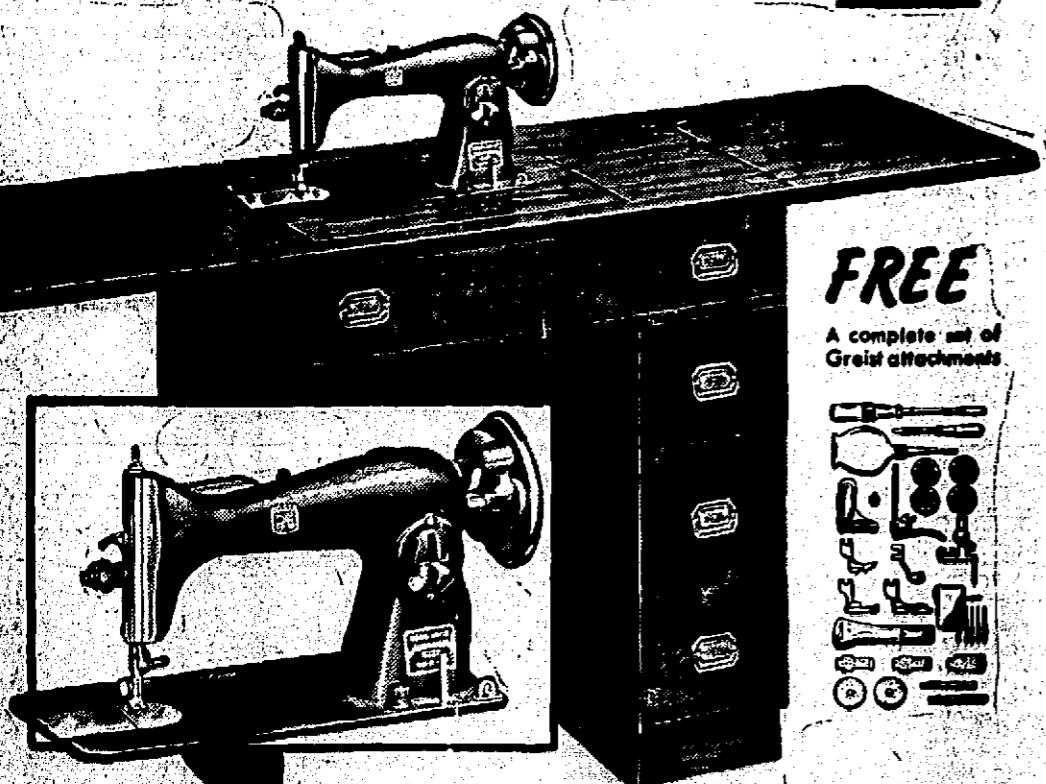
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A LONELY WALK

By M. E. CHABER

Psychiatrist Tells of New Treatment

DALLAS (AP) — A new technique of treating neurotic patients, by putting them into a deep sleep for as long as 60 days and using recordings to restore their confidence was described yesterday by a Canadian psychiatrist.

The patient is put to sleep with barbiturates and tranquilizers for 30 to 60 days. He is awakened only long enough for three meals a day and electric shock treatments, said Dr. D. Ewen Cameron, chairman of the psychiatry department at McGill University at Montreal, Canada.

"Who are they?" I asked. "Do you think that Ricardo Balena's father, who is the Minister of Interior, ordered the police to cover up for them?"

"Goodness," I said in my most shocked tone. "The police would never do a thing like that, would they?"

"Signor March," he said, "let us not fence with each other. I know all about the case. The girl was murdered and left dead on the beach. Otherwise, where were her clothes? How did she get there at 4 in the morning? I have

spoken to her parents. They are lying. They are frightened." I shivered.

"The girl," he continued, "had been running around with young Balena. He is mixed up with Gamero in all sorts of things, including drugs and possibly his fascist schemes. She was annoying him, and perhaps she knew too much so they killed her. And then Gamero visited Minister Balena and the police quickly closed the case. It is to your advantage, is it not, to prove that the girl was murdered? The glare of publicity would help you."

"If you know so much, you don't need my permission to print it in your newspaper."

"We could just publish the rumors that are all over Rome and demand that Formaggio and Baleno resign. But I do not wish to make this so much a political attack."

"What does all that have to do with me?"

"You are now, because of your company, an interested party. If you would state that you are convinced the girl was murdered, I could use that as a point to take off on the rumors and to demand simple justice."

"I should think so," I said dryly. "And I'd have no trouble winning the contest as the most unpopular man in Italy. Why are you so worried about being accused of political attack? It's going to be political dynamite, any way you look at it. What party does our paper represent?"

"Communist."

I stared at him for a minute. "Now I'm beginning to get it," I said. "No thanks, chum. I have enough trouble pulling my own chestnuts out of the fire without pulling yours, too. I didn't know you Communist writers were able to look prosperous."

"I am more than just a writer," he said. "I am the political columnist on the paper, but I am also the Chairman of the Central Committee of Rome and I am a member of the city council."

"Better be careful," I told him, "or you'll find yourself accused of fostering the cult of the individual."

He stared at me.

I looked at him more closely. I had the thought a couple of times that there was something familiar about him. Now I looked at him, trying to see him thinner and younger, as he might have been more than a decade earlier. "You were one of the Communists in the underground. We used to call you Ugo, the 'Ugly One. I remember you now."

"I helped lead my comrades in the underground," he admitted.

"Sure you did," I said. "I remember one night when you were supposed to lead a bunch of your Communists to back up a raid on the Nazis. Only you and your precious group never showed, so the raiding party was hacked to pieces. Only one man escaped and he died a couple of days later."

"I was doing my duty."

"Get out," I said.

I'd just finished putting my tie on when there was another knock on the door. I went over and opened it. Piero Roccia, the detective, stood there.

"Come on in," I said. "I'll be ready as soon as I put my coat on. How goes it?"

"As you'd expect," he said. "There are no leads on them. Urerer of Attilio, Johnny Fornesi and Lucky Topo were covered for the time concerned. Johnny Fornesi was with a very important man — a friend of Baron Gamero."

"It figured," I said. "Anything else?"

"Only this," he said. "I am, as you would say in your country, sticking my neck out. There is no way to get you a permit to carry a gun. They are difficult to get under any circumstances. But I have brought you a spare gun of mine. Just be careful whom you shoot with it."

"I'm always careful whom I shoot," I said. "I didn't recognize the make, but it looked to be about the same as an American Police .38, only the barrel was shorter. It was loaded."

"And here's a holster for it," he added.

"Is the gun registered to you?"

"As a matter of fact, no," he said. "I have not used this gun for many years and it was never registered."

I got it. "Resistance days?" I asked.

He nodded. "That gun has shot only Fascists and Nazis. It performed, but when that it seemed only right to retire it."

(To be Continued)

Political Rivals Hurting Haiti

PORT AU PRINCE, Haiti — Political rivals, who have brought local trade to a virtual standstill and forced the Bank of Haiti to close, kept this rudderless country in turmoil today. The army chief of staff, Gen. Leon Cantave, in the only remaining semblance of ruling authority.

The bank closed yesterday as commercial interests, backing presidential candidate Louis Dejeffe, threatened a run on the institution.

Dejeffe followers also continued their strike, shutting the main stores in Port au Prince.

In an attempt to stop feuding between the various presidential candidates, Cantave banned political speeches for the time being. The political rivalry has brought down three provisional governments since Feb. 1.

Son Killed, Father Awarded \$20,000

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — A Circuit Court jury awarded \$20,000 to Richard P. Korbly, father of a high school pupil killed in a widely publicized accident.

The defendant was Mrs. Margarita Myers, mother of Tommy Myers. Young Myers, also a high school teenager, was driving the automobile in which Charles M. Korbly was killed. Mrs. Myers owned the car.

City Representative councilman W. B. Myers, father of Tommy, wrote a byline newspaper story while Tommy still was in critical condition from accident injuries, urging less emphasis on power and speed in manufacturing automobiles. The story was carried by the Associated Press and

\$570 Million in Goods to Free Nations

By JOHN A. HARRIS

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower said today the United States delivered \$570 million worth of military goods to free world nations in the last half of 1956.

In a semi-annual report to Congress on the mutual security program, Eisenhower said those shipments brought to nearly \$14,800,000 the value of military aid to friendly nations since the program was started in 1950.

"Under present world conditions," Eisenhower added, "I am convinced that this mutual security program is, more than ever, essential to the security of the United States."

Most of the military deliveries during July-December 1956 went to Europe and the Far East — over 40 per cent to Europe and 33 per cent to the Far East, the report said.

More than half the deliveries consisted of aircraft and related equipment, slightly less than a third was ground forces equipment, and the remainder comprised naval goods.

Deliveries in the last half of the year were considerably less than the \$1,800,000,000 shipped in the first six months of 1956. The main reason, the report said, was a decline in the quantity of off-the-shelf items available for ready delivery."

Published throughout the country. Young Myers has been convicted of manslaughter but has not been sentenced.

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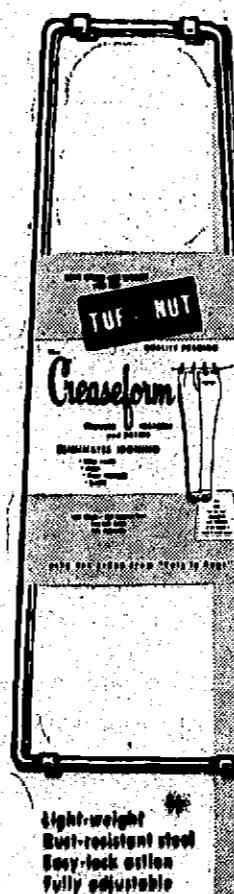
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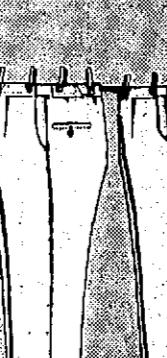
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